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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTOH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street. PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSNY, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau St. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTOH, Melbourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BLAN & BLACK, San Francisco. SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HENNING & Co., Manila. CHINA.—SAYLE, CAMERON & Co., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., Foochow, HEDDER & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WILSON, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 650,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman.—H. HOFFMAN, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
E. R. BELLIER, Esq. WILHELM REINER, Esq.
W. H. FORBES, Esq. Ed. TOBIN, Esq.
Hon. W. KESWICK. A. MOYER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, EMMET CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

Entertainment

FUN WITHOUT VULGARITY.



THEY HAVE COME!

FROM ST. JAMES' HALL, PICCADILLY, LONDON.

THE FAMOUS

MERRY MAKERS.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, JOHN POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G., &c.

Will give their First Performance at the THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, ON

THURSDAY,
the 7th February.

ADMISSION:.....TWO DOLLARS.

Tickets to be had of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, February 4, 1878. fe8

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
On a Date hereafter to be named.
The British Barque

"ALPHINGTON,"

of 826 Tons Register, or of about 8,000 piculs Carrying Capacity, with all her TACKLE, APPAREL and INVENTORY.
The Vessel was Built under Lloyd's special survey at Berwick-on-Tweed in 1866, Classed 12 years A. 1. at Lloyd's and continued in 1868 A. 1. for 8 years. She was Remotally owned by Felt in London in July, 1876.

Terms.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on fall of the hammer, the remainder upon Transfer being effected. The Vessel is at Purchaser's risk immediately after fall of hammer.
Hongkong, January 28, 1877.

For Sale.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.
HAVE FOR SALE.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
AMERICAN COOKING & PARLOUR
STOVES.

FRIENDS and FIRE IRONS.
Superior California LAMBSWOOL
BLANKETS.
FAIRBANK'S SCALES, from 400 lb. to 2,500 lb.
BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CARPETS, various patterns.
VELVET and TAPESTRY SOFA CARPETS and RUGS.
DOOR MATS.
HORSE BLANKETS.
Central and Fire-fire CARTRIDGE CASES.
GUN-WADS, PERCUSSION CAPS.
STATIONERY, of every description.
BOOKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.
NOVELS. SCHOOL BOOKS.
SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.

French APPLES, and LEMONS.
SALMON BELLIES, in Kits.
MACKEREL, TONGUES & SOUNDS.
Family PIG PORK, and Prime MESS BEEF, in Kegs 25 lb. each.
Caviare, SARDELLES, and Spiced ANCHOVIES.
Prime American BACON, and HAMS.
Cutting's JAMS and JELLIES Assorted.
GRAHAM FLOUR, CORN MEAL, RYE MEAL, &c., &c.
Canned Dessert FRUITS.
Compressed CORNED BEEF, and BEEF TONGUES.
POKED SALMON, in Quantities to suit Purchasers.
CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S OILMAN'S STORES, of every kind; Fresh Supplies received by every Steamer.
CLARET in Cask, (BANDOL), Superior Quality.
BANCAY PEEKIN'S PORTER, in Hogsheads and Kilderkins.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by E. & J. BURKE, in Pints and Quarts.
BASS' PALE ALE, Bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, in Pints and Quarts.
&c., &c., &c.
Hongkong, January 3, 1878.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the Fourteenth day of February next, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1877.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 31, 1878. fe14

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the Fourth to the Fourteenth February next, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 31, 1878. fe14

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 3% or \$2.25 per SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be Payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after MONDAY, the 23rd Instant.
Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 23, 1878.

NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the JURY LIST for 1878, is posted at the Supreme Court House for inspection.

Notice of any Inaccuracies, Omissions, Objections, &c., must be given to the Registrar of the Supreme Court on or before FRIDAY, the 15th day of February, A.D. 1878, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1864.

It is further notified, that no person whose name is on the List as a Juror will be excused from Service on the ground of any exemption to which he may be entitled, or on the ground of any want of qualification, unless such exemption shall have been claimed and established, or such want of qualification shall have been duly proved, at or before the time above specified.

C. B. PLUNKET,
Registrar.
Hongkong, February 4, 1878.

Intimations.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

RUSSIAN CIGARETTES.
PERAMBULATORS.
ICE PITCHERS.
SADDLES, BRIDLES.
WHIPS, SPURS.
HORSE-BRUSHES.
SADDLE CLOTHS, GIRTHS.
LETT'S DIARIES (with Anglo-Chinese Calendar) for 1878.
COIR MATS.
SCARVES, } in the Newest Styles.
SHIRTS, }
COLLARS, }
IRON and BRASS BEDSTEADS.
HAVANA CIGARS.
TAUCHNITZ NOVELS.

Hongkong, January 25, 1878.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE 1865.

CAPITAL \$600,000, in 6,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH (FULLY PAID UP).

Consulting Committee.
W. H. FORBES, Esq. W. REINER, Esq.
F. D. SASSOON, Esq. LAI YUK SUN (of the E. R. BELLIER, Esq. YOW LOONG HONG).

Manager.
H. DICKIE, Esq.

General Agents.
Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Bankers.
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Solicitor.
WM. H. BARRINGTON, Esq.

THIS Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring from the present Proprietors the PROPERTY, INTEREST, and GOODWILL of the CHINA SUGAR REFINERY at East Point, which for the past five years has been managed under the direction of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON and COMPANY, comprising the LAND and BUILDINGS occupied by the Refinery, and the PLANT, MACHINERY, and STOCK-IN-TRADE therein, and of carrying on the Business of a Sugar Refinery in all its branches, for which complete facilities are now afforded not only in the Ground and Premises, Plant and Machinery referred to, but in the valuable Business and Connection possessed by the present Owners.

The above-mentioned Premises comprise, firstly, that PLOT or PARCELS of GROUND, in Hongkong, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 231, with the Messuages and BUILDINGS thereon, known as the Mint Premises; and those adjoining PLOTS of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lots Nos. 470, 471, 615, 524, 565, and 748, with the Messuages and BUILDINGS thereon, adjoining the said Marine Lot, portions of the premises occupied by the China Sugar Refinery, or belonging thereto, and the PLANT, MACHINERY, ENGINES, BOILERS, VACUUM PANS, FURNITURE, FITTINGS, and APPLIANCES therein, now used by the China Sugar Refinery; secondly, that PLOT or PARCELS of GROUND in Hongkong aforesaid, with the Messuages and BUILDINGS thereon, registered in the Land Office as Section A of Marine Lot No. 52, with the Messuages and BUILDINGS thereon, being the remainder of the Premises comprising the said Refinery; and, thirdly, the STOCK-IN-TRADE, EXTRA PLANT, MACHINERY, GOODS, and CHATELLE, which are or will be in and about the said Premises and belonging to the Owners on the 28th day of February next. All the described Premises have been agreed to be sold to the Company by contract in writing dated the 22nd day of January, 1878, made between the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION of the first part, Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., of the second part, and the above-named COMMITTEE for and on behalf of the Company of the third part; whereby it was agreed that without any further sanction or confirmation of or by the Company or the Shareholders, the Premises firstly and secondly mentioned should be absolutely made over to the Company for the aggregate sum of \$400,000, made up as follows:—
—For the Premises firstly mentioned, the sum of \$300,000 to be paid to the first-mentioned party for the Premises secondly mentioned, the sum of \$125,000 to be paid to the second-mentioned party. And as to the thirdly named Premises, the price payable for the same to the first-named party, to be ascertained by a valuation to be made on the 28th day of February inst., the value thereof being now roughly estimated at \$100,000.

Mr. DICKIE, under whose able management the Works have been placed in their present efficient state, has offered his services to the Company as Manager, which have been accepted. Although it has been in contemplation for some years past to transfer the Property and Business of the present Proprietors to a Public Company, it was not thought prudent to do so until

by such an experience of the working of the the Concern, as has been gained during the last three years, its future success should be assured.

The present Proprietors are prepared to hand over the Property and Business to the Company in a state of complete efficiency on the First of March next, and arrangements are being made to commence full work on that date.

The Business of the Company will be conducted by Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., as General Agents, assisted by a Consulting Committee.

It is intended that the whole of the Capital shall be called up as follows:—
\$25 per Share on allotment, or within 10 days thereafter.

\$75 per Share on 1st day of March, 1878, or within 10 days thereafter. All Calls unpaid after these dates shall bear interest at 12 percent. per annum. The surplus Capital after payment of the Purchase Money of the Property as above-mentioned, estimated at about \$75,000, will be available for working the Business of the Company.

One half of the Shares have already been subscribed; the remainder are offered to the public. Applications for Shares, which should be in the annexed Form, will be received by the General Agents, up to the 20th day of February, 1878.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1878.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES ABOVE REFERRED TO.

Hongkong, — day of 1878.
CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

To Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby request that you will allot to — Shares in the above Company, and agree to accept such Shares of any less number you may allot to — and agree to pay the first Call of Dollars Twenty-five per Share, within ten days after allotment, and also the subsequent Call of \$75, and to subscribe the Articles of Association whenever required to do so.
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

Blank Forms of Application for Shares may be had at the Office of the General Agents. [fe2]

A CARD.
DR. W. C. EASTLAKE, DENTIST, can be Consulted at his Rooms, No. 1, Alexandra Terrace, daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Hongkong, February 5, 1878. mo5

DENTAL NOTICE.
DR. ROGERS begs to say that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to receive Patients.
Hongkong, November 22, 1877.

DEVOS'S BRILLIANT OIL.
RELIABLE,
ECONOMICAL,
SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOS'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOS MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOS MANUFACTURING Co.,
80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets,
[y11] NEW YORK, U. S. A.

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at Half-past 2 o'clock in the afternoon of FRIDAY, the 15th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1877.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 15th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 18, 1878. fe15

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, the 18th February, 1878, at 2 p.m., (instead of as previously advertised), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1877; and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th Instant, both days included.

By Order of the Board,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1878. fe17

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ninth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on MONDAY, the 18th February next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1877, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE Co., LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 26, 1878. fe18

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 18th February next, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE Co., LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 26, 1878. fe18

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.

J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.
SAMUEL DORRIS, Secretary.
A. A. HAYES, JR., General Manager, for China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,
120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets.....\$31,700,000
Surplus.....\$ 5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars, apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

DODD & Co.'s ESTATE.

A FIRST DIVIDEND of TWENTY Per Cent. will be paid at Amoy on the 20th Instant, at the Office of the Agents of the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.
Debts not Proved before the 15th Instant will be excluded from the Dividend.

FRANCIS CHOMLEY,
Trustee.

Amoy, 5th Feb., 1878. fe20

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Capt. G. D. PIMAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 7th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, February 4, 1878. fe17

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAI, HIOGO AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship
"CALDERA,"
Capt. WILLIAMS, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 9th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, February 4, 1878. fe9

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Eastern and Australian Steam Navigation Company's Chartered Steamship
"NORMANBY,"
will be despatched as above on or about the 20th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 5, 1878.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

TO PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, FIJI and NEW CALEDONIA.

The Australasian Steam Navigation Company's Chartered Steamship
"BERTHA,"
E. G. LANGLEY, Commander, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 23rd Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 1, 1878. fe23

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The German Steamship
"GALATHEA,"
Böhme, Master, will be despatched as above towards the end of FEBRUARY, 1878.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
WM. POSTAU & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1878.

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Steamship
"ZUZUY,"
will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
J. Y. V. SHAW,
Agent.
Hongkong, February 4, 1878.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SINGAPORE (DIRECT).

The 3/3 L. 1.1 Russian Ship
"JALO,"
C. F. MORENO, Commander, will sail about SATURDAY Next, 9th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, February 5, 1878. fe9

FOR LONDON.

The 100 A. 1 British Ship
"BROMFIELD,"
H. BATE, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, January 7, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The 1 British Ship
"CITY OF HALIFAX,"
EVANS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 1 American Bark
"B. F. WATSON,"
HAWKINS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 1 German Bark
"NAGARA,"
WISHNUSSEN, Master, will load for the above Port

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS,
AND
JEWELLERS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.
46, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, August 20, 1877. fe20

W. BALL,
CHINA DISPENSARY.

**IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,
DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET
REQUISITES, PATENT MEDI-
CINES AND PERFUMES.**

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,
and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.
September 15, 1877.

AH YON,
SHIP'S COMPANION AND
STEVEDORE,
No. 57, Praya West.
SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF
COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH
PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S
STORES
Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.
TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of
the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present
five-yearly lease expires on the 31st
August, 1878. SEVERAL TENDERS to
be sent in on or before the 11th March,
1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG
HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply
any information required.
By Order of the Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, September 18, 1877. sp1

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,
COAL MERCHANTS,
Have always on hand for Sale every
description of COAL at Moderate Prices.
Mr. ARYON has been appointed Manager,
and all Orders addressed to him at 57,
Praya, or to Mr. FAT JACK, at 30, King
Lung Street, will receive immediate atten-
tion.
Hongkong, March 10, 1877. mc19

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was
admitted a Partner in our Firm on
the 1st January, 1878.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. H. F. MEYERHINK has been
admitted a Partner in our Firm
from this date.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878. ap2

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY
was admitted a PARTNER in our
Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at
this Port as a MERCHANT and COM-
MISSION AGENT, under the Style or
Firm of **GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.**, who
will henceforward conduct the Agency of
the AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY.

G. R. STEVENS,

Hongkong, December 20, 1877.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself
at this Port as a GENERAL COM-
MISSION AGENT.

J. V. VERNON SHAW,

Hongkong, November 1, 1877. my1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at
this Port, under the Style or Firm,
**WEST POINT IRON WORKS,
ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS,**
by
WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co.,
Late Manager of the NOVELTY IRON WORKS,
Hongkong.

Wm. DUNPHY,

Hongkong, December 10, 1877. jo10

Not Responsible for Debts.

**Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:**

QUICKENESS, American barque, Captain
Barnaby, — Captain.

FARLAN, German brig, Captain Kaemena,
Melchers & Co.

HELEN, British barque, Captain
H. Fox, — Captain.

HELEN, British steamer, Captain
H. Fox, — Captain.

HELEN, German barque, Captain Hun-
dler & Co.

HELEN, British steamer, Capt. Clanchy,
H. Fox, — Captain.

HELEN, British steamer, Captain D.
H. Fox, — Captain.

Notices to Consignees.

**FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.**

THE S. S. Arratoon having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
are hereby requested to send their Bills of
Lading for countersignature to the Under-
signed, and to take immediate delivery of
their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1878. fe8

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Caldera having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
are informed that their Goods are being
landed at their risk into the Godowns of
the Undersigned, whence and/or from the
Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded to
Shanghai and Japan, unless notice be given
by Noon To-day.

Goods remaining undelivered after the
11th instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, February 4, 1878. fe11

**FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.**

THE S. S. Arratoon having arrived from
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo
are requested to send in their Bills of
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-
signature, and to take immediate delivery
of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 4, 1878. fe11

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Norwegian
Bark **VEGA**, NORDSTEDT, Master,
from HAMBURG, are requested to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside the Vessel.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be
landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

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Hongkong, January 8, 1878.

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To-day's Advertisements.

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CITY HALL.

MONDAY,
February 11th.

will be repeated by special request the
Comedy of
"STILL WATERS RUN DEEP."

Tickets may be had from any of the
Committees, at Two DOLLARS each.
No Tickets will be sold at the Doors.
Committee:—Commander Sir WILLIAM
WISMAN, Bart., R.N.; Captain MOORE
LANE, 28th Regt.; JOHN M. FORBES, J.R.
Esq.; ATWELL COXON, Esq.; CHAS. C.
COHEN, Esq.
Hongkong, February 6, 1878. fe12

NOTICE.

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"TIBRE,"

Comdt. DE GIRARD, will be
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on THURSDAY, the 7th instant, at 5 p.m.
H. DU POUY,
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Eufrate, from London, in connection
with the above Steamer, are hereby in-
formed that their Goods are being land-
ed and stored at their risk at the Company's
Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signees, before To-morrow, the 7th instant,
at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Wed-
nesday, the 14th instant, at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY,
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Hongkong, February 6, 1878. fe13

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 6, 4 p.m. French steamer, 2177, M.
Hernandez, Marseilles Dec. 30, Naples Jan.
1, Port Said 6, Suez 7, Aden 13, Galle 22,
Singapore 23, and Saigon Feb. 2. Mails
and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 6, Charles Mowbray, for Tientsin.
6, H.M.S. Groveler, for a cruise.

CLEARED.

Danube, for Bangkok.
Douglas, for Coast Ports.
Zanzibar, for Saigon.
Tewer, for Shanghai.
Tutuila, for Caroline Group (Pacific Isl's).

PASSENGERS.

Per *Ava*, for Hongkong: from Marseilles,
Messrs. Toller, Carbonnier, Molle, Tester,
Fraser, and Smart; from Galle, Mr.
Thomas; from Singapore, Messrs. Dauvagne
and R. H. S. John; from Saigon, Sisters
Francois de Sales and Marique, Mr. R. P.
Teaurie, and 11 Chinese. For Shanghai:
from Naples, Miss Malvina Ellen. For
Yokohama: from Marseilles, Messrs. le Cio,
de Diebach, Drunka, child and servant,
Dresser, and Scott; from Suez, Mr. Gut-
sow; from Singapore, Sisters Ste. Ma-
thilde and Ste. Françoise.

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THE NAVAL BALL AT THE CITY HALL.

The Ball given by Admiral Hillyar and the Officers of H. M.'s ships in Harbour, which came off in the City Hall last night, proved to be one of the most successful assemblies of the season. When our Naval friends resolve upon doing a thing, they generally do it with a will; and the fête of last night formed no exception to this happy rule. Invitations were issued for nearly four hundred guests, and as nearly all accepted, the ball was the largest that we have ever seen in Hongkong, except the famous Maudslayi assembly of '74. The Ball-room was so full that some difficulty was at times experienced with the round dances. Among those present were:—H. E. Mr. and Mrs. Hennessey, Admiral Hillyar, Lady Smale, Colonel Bassano, Colonel and Mrs. Hall, Colonel and Mrs. Sheraton, Colonels Dickson, Stuart, and Jago, Com. General Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Snowden, Mr. and Mrs. Phillipps, Mr. Douglas (Resident of Salangore), Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lowcock, Mrs. Keswick, Mr. P. Ryle, H. E. Mr. D'Espina, and Mr. Creagh, A.D.C. Nearly all of the Consular officers of the various nationalities represented in Hongkong were also present, together with officers of the U. S. Tennessee, H. M. Tamar, and Jap. gunboat Seiki; the officers of the 28th Regt. and the 74th Regt.; together with other officers of the various military departments, and nearly all the leading residents, as well as many visitors. Among those who were unable to accept the invitations sent were:—H. E. the Governor of Macao, Sir Brooke Robertson, Sir John Smale, Hon. J. Gardner Austin, Hon. J. M. Price, Bishop Rainaldi, Admirals Patterson and Viron, Archdeacon and Mrs. Gray, British Consular Officers at Canton, and many residents at that port, as well as the Officers of the Garrison at Macao. The following are the names of the Stewards:—Commodore Watson; Captains Napier and Church; Commanders Sir W. Wiseman, Bruce, Wilcox, Farr, and Castle; Staff Commanders Johnston and Dixon, Lieutenants Paul, Tudor, Shore, Annesley, Needham, Forsyth, Willoughby, and Horrocks (R. M.); Dep. Insp. General Wren, Staff Surgeon Bolster; and Messrs Bremner, Parish, Robinson, Robb, Jorcy, and Barry.

The decorations were very effective and of excellent character. They were of course characteristic, and appropriate to the occasion. In the lower hall was placed a field gun on each side of the foot of the staircase, while the pillars were festooned with evergreens. On the first landing things began decidedly to "suffer a sea-change," and became pre-eminently naval in their appearance. Fifty Blue Jackets lined the staircase. In the centre of the landing stood a galleon-gun, trim and bright as this deadly engine can be made, while, on either flank lay piled shot, and a 7-pounder boat-gun; and, as if in silent charge of this armament, stood two inflated diving-dresses, like Gog and Magog, but with very hollow eyes and a somewhat more uninteresting expression than the metropolitan giants. The central device on the wall at the main landing was very effective, though not so elaborate as that erected for the last St. Andrew's Ball. It consisted of a large anchor and big gun, crossed with cutlasses and rifle, with shield and Union Jack, surmounted with the naval crown; then the Royal Standard, the red and white ensigns and admiral's and commodore's flags, surmounted again by the Marine badge (consisting of the globe, and motto *Per mare per terram*). Thus all the various branches of the service were suitably and symbolically represented in this grand trophy. Around the walls of the staircase were placed four stars made of cleaning rods, showing in the centre respectively the Star of India, the Order of the Thistle, Order of the Garter, and the Order of St. Patrick; and the gaps remaining were filled up with crossed rifles and sword-bayonets, evergreens and flowers. In the Ball-room were encircled the side-lights, festooned with bayonets and cleaning rods, and a couple of thousand of which were thus made use of. Flags draped from the top of the doors, and crossed boarding-pikes and a small flag surmounted each; while the centre doors on each side were festooned with foreign ensigns, including the yellow dragon; and small fountains of rose-water were supposed to trickle a continuous stream of fragrance in the upper corners of the room. At each corner of the front verandah was a very prettily arranged grotto, wherein a fountain played, and rocks and greenery shone out in colours in a most fairy-like style. This feature was much admired by every one, and reflected much credit on the Decoration Committee. Coloured lights and Chinese lanterns completed the general effect of the verandah decorations. In the 'tea-room and the Buffet tables, the cleaning rods and boarding-pikes were used to meet the eye in pleasant forms—crosiers, or stars at every turn; and a lovely little rose-water fountain, with silver swans, (in the former room), encircled with camelias, was another object of attraction. The decoration of the supper-room was neat though simple, consisting of flags and crossed boarding-pikes, varied with crossed side-lights. Altogether the decorations formed one of the most successful features of the Ball, and the Committee deserve great credit for their work. The Decoration Committee consisted of:—Lieut. R. B. Needham, Victor Emanuel; Lieut. W. C. Forsyth, late Fly; and Lieut. Hon. A. N. Shore, late Lapwing. These were assisted by Mr. Cullmann, hostess of the Victor Emanuel, and working parties from the Audacious and the Commodore's flag-ship.

By a very sensible arrangement of the supper tables and the happy expedient of giving extra dances during supper, the struggling, scrambling and rushing to and fro so common at supper time on such occasions were entirely avoided; and the smoothness and success of the entertainment was thereby considerably increased. Dancing was kept up until a late hour; and every one appeared to think that the naval ball was, as we have suggested, one of the most successful and certainly the largest social assembly of the season.

ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes Company's steamer *Arctur*, Captain Hernandez, with the London mail of the 28th December, arrived here this afternoon.

TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times Extra.)

London, Jan. 24.—Sir Stafford Northcote has given notice that he intends to bring forward a motion in the House of Commons on the 28th January, asking for a supplementary vote on account of the Army and Navy estimates.

London, Jan. 20.—Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, states that the Mediterranean Squadron has been ordered to enter the Dardanelles, solely for the purpose of keeping the "Waterway" and to protect "British interests." When the "peace conditions" are known, the British fleet will be ordered to stay at the entry of the Dardanelles, granting that it is required, but it is not contemplated.

The Porte is pledged to conceal the actual conditions of peace until the treaty of peace has been concluded between his Government and that of Russia.

London, Jan. 27.—The Earl of Derby, it is announced, will retain office, provisionally.

The Porte is not informed of the signature of an Armistice up to the present moment. The conditions of peace which have been confidentially communicated to the Turkish Parliament are not to be revealed, otherwise the Russian Head Quarters will continue advancing.

The British Fleet entered the Dardanelles, and withdrew directly to Beblis Bay.

(From our Exchanges.)

London, Jan. 12.—The fortress of Nisch which had been besieged by a picked corps of 12,000 Russians with powerful siege guns in addition to a Serbian force, capitulated yesterday after several days' continuous fighting. The Serbian troops now occupy the fortress. The stronghold of Antivari in defence of which the Turkish ironclad squadron has been employed, has made an unconditional surrender to the Montenegrins under Prince Nicholas.

London, Jan. 14.—The transport *Euphrates*, with the 6th Dragoons and six batteries of Artillery outward bound, and the *Jumna*, with the 2nd battalion of the 12th Regiment, homeward bound, have been detained at Malta by telegraphic orders from London. A telegram from Alexandria of to-day's date on the same subject states that the *Euphrates*, with the 6th Dragoons and six batteries of artillery, has been stopped at Port Said by a telegram from the Admiralty. It is expected that another troopship now passing the Canal homewards will also be stopped at Port Said.

London, Jan. 15.—Serber and Nanyk Pasha, invested with full powers, have started for Keanalik to treat for an armistice with the Grand Duke Nicholas.

London, Jan. 15.—The Turks are bombarding Kuapatoria, Salta (i Yalta), and Th. odessa in the Crimea.

London, Jan. 16.—Advices from Constantinople state that a great battle was fought on the 14th instant, between Tartar Razdchik and Philippopolis and that the fighting was recommenced on the following morning. Suleiman Pasha's positions were afterwards close on to Philippopolis than before the battle.

London, Jan. 16.—Lord Derby is unwell. Meetings continue to be held in favour of England adhering to a policy of neutrality. Prof. Forster, M.P., has made a speech in which he attacked the Frontier policy of the Indian Government; and said that he intended moving for a Parliamentary Committee of enquiry into the subject.

The Russian headquarters have been transferred to Kazanlik.

London, Jan. 17.—Austria and England have informed Turkey and Russia that, while admitting an armistice, they will not recognise a separate peace contrary to the Treaty of Paris of 1856, without their assent. Greece is arming. An outbreak in Thessaly and Epirus is imminent.

OBITUARY.—General Cust, of the 16th Lancers.

A diplomatic communication from the French Foreign Minister states that the policy of the French Government on the Eastern question is one of political expediency, but that France could never remain indifferent to any change in the political geography of the Mediterranean littoral.

Mihad Pasha was called to London on the 1st instant, and it is believed that this was in connection with negotiations for the armistice.

A telegram from Cania in Orste states that a large number of Christian families attempted on the 1st January to enter Retimno, but that they were hindered by Turkish population, who maltreated them and shut the gates against them.

The English ironclad *Rupert* has arrived at Retimno.

Sir Henry Elliott, lately British Ambassador at the Porte, has been appointed Ambassador at Vienna, replacing Sir Andrew Buchanan.

A Blue Book on the Eastern Question shows that the Earl of Derby all along inform d Turkey in a decided manner that there was no hope of British intervention.

Captain Andrew Scott, of the 14th Sikhs, receives the Victoria Cross, for his gallantry during the late *enroute* at Quetta.

THE DEFENCE OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

Reuter's telegram of the 20th inst. states that it has been resolved to defend Constantinople on the line of the Tchataldja, and therefore, the following particulars, taken from the home papers, relating to this line of defence, as well as of Gallipoli, is of interest, when any moment may bring news of its investment.

The town of Buguk Cheekmadgee is situated on the Sea of Marmora, at about twenty miles distant from Constantinople. It lies at the point where a very shallow arm of the sea, which is indeed in many places merely a swamp, runs up into a lake which takes its name from the town. At ten miles inland from Buguk Cheekmadgee lies the town of Tchataldja. The lake does not extend for the whole of this distance, but the valley is a salt swamp, totally impracticable for the passage of troops. Nature, with but slight assistance from military art, guards effectively this portion

of the line. From Tchataldja to the Fort of Kara Bornoo, on the Black Sea, is thirteen miles. By the sea-shore runs a low bank, some half a mile wide, separating the waters of an inland lake from the Black Sea. This spit of shore could be swept by the guns of the fleet and would be impracticable for an advancing force. The lake itself covers another two miles of the face of the position, and thus there remain but ten miles between the lake and the town of Tchataldja by which an invading army could advance upon Constantinople. A valley through which runs a little river known in ancient times as the Bathyron defines the face of the position. Three roads cross this valley. The one follows the coast of the Sea of Marmora, passes through the town of Buguk Cheekmadgee, and thence across the swampy land south of the lake. This road is commanded by the guns of a fleet at anchor off the town, and may, therefore, be dismissed from consideration. There remain the road running through Tchataldja, a broad and well-made way; a country road through Kestenikoff, some four miles further to the north, and the line of the Adriatic railway, which passes between them.

The line between Tchataldja and the Black Sea is naturally very strong. The hills rise sharply, and a series of earthworks judiciously placed, and held by thirty thousand good troops, ought to be able to resist the efforts of the whole army of the Czar. It has been seen in Plevna, earthworks judiciously held, in these days of breechloaders, all but impregnable, and the position along the Cheekmadgee line is naturally vastly stronger than are those round Plevna. This position, lying as it does twenty miles from Constantinople, and enclosing a tract of country twenty miles from sea, to sea would afford ample space for the population, who would fall back from Romelia with their flocks and herds on the advance of the Russians, and Constantinople, open to the sea and to the Asiatic shore, would be free from any pressure of famine. The invader, therefore, would have none of the advantages which enabled the Germans to take Plevna. They could effect nothing, and the line of defence held by one hundred and fifty guns and thirty thousand good troops would be impregnable. The position of Gallipoli is naturally even more strong than that of Cheekmadgee. The long narrow peninsula which separates the Dardanelles from the Gulf of Saros is not four miles across. General Mackinnon, in his *Strategic Tour in Bulgaria*, "considers that the most easily defensible point lies a few miles further up than the town of Gallipoli." The point which he indicates passes through the village of Plajar or Bulair. As the guns of the fleet in the Dardanelles and Gulf of Saros could cross fire over the whole line of defence, it is evident that comparatively weak works here will enable an army of fifteen thousand men to hold it against all comers.

The tongue of land fit enough to be seen from the decks of the vessels of the fleet, were field works and broken, and regular fortifications would, therefore, be required. Gallipoli lies nearer to Adriaople than does Constantinople, and it will be absolutely necessary to defend this point as well as the capital, or the Russians arriving there will be able to command the Dardanelles, and although the guns they may be able to place in positions may not be considered formidable by ironclads, they will render the passage of the Dardanelles a dangerous process for merchant vessels.

The channel is tortuous, and winds from side to side of the Straits; therefore all vessels going up are obliged at one or two points to pass very close to the western shore. Moreover, if the Russians possess themselves of the promontory of Gallipoli, they will not be obliged to rely upon their field pieces for the obstruction of the passage, for they can take in reverse and easily capture the Turkish forts built on the water edge for the command of the Straits, and in these will find Krupp guns of the very largest calibre, which will render the attempt to run the passage a most dangerous proceeding even for the thickest-plated of our ironclads. The defence of Gallipoli is, therefore, as essential as that of Constantinople.—*Straits Times*.

THE TELEPHONE.

It is a matter of some surprise that there has been found no mechanical or engineering genius enterprising enough to construct a telephone in this place. This wonderful invention has been successfully introduced in Madras and Shanghai. In Madras, we read in the *Mail*, Mr. G. K. Winter, Telegraph Engineer to the Madras Railway Company, constructed two telephones from descriptions given in certain scientific publications and a night was fixed for their trial between Madras and Arcotum, forty-two miles, the connecting lines being railway telegraph wires. The *Mail* describes the result of the experiment as follows:—

"After all was ready, and the telephone carefully placed to our ear, we heard a voice, seemingly that of some Lilliputian, 'disguised in liquor,' or suffering from a bronchial affection of a severe order, asking if we were 'all right.' To which, moving the instrument from ear to mouth, we replied that we were. Question and answer rapidly succeeded each other, and it was soon discovered that by pitching the voice in a high key and speaking slowly and distinctly, there was no difficulty whatever in hearing every word that was uttered. Songs were sung, and it seemed that the music rendered the words still more distinct, for every word, tone, and modulation of the song 'Robin Adair' were perfectly plain, and on calling 'encore' we were favoured with another verse. 'The barling of the door' was so admirably rendered by a worthy 'cot,' that a 'brither,' who was listening at the other end, could not resist the influence of the music on his mind, and he also burst forth into song much to the delight of the first, who 'telephoned' his approbation by a hearty laugh, and ringing cheer. A violin was next brought into requisition, and by placing the telephone upon it, the tones played could be plainly heard. On a subsequent evening two telephones were at each end. One of these was specially adapted for speaking, the other for hearing, the former being well shaped at the top, so that the sounder could be placed quite close to the ear, 'however, both instruments could be used for either purpose, speaking or hearing, and by making use of the two, for the same purpose, at one time, duets could be sung or played with admirable effect. 'Silver threads among the gold,' and 'Ye banks and braes o' bonnie Doon,' and several other songs by soprano and tenor voices and violin were effectively rendered.

and distinctly heard." A curious feature, and one which caused a pleasing surprise, was that by the tone of the voice the identity of the speaker or singer could be fixed with as much certainty as in a face to face conversation. The experiments were conducted under the personal supervision of Mr. Winter, who is to be congratulated upon their complete success.

It is stated by the *Englishman*, that a telephone has been, or is to be, brought into use in the new goods warehouse of the East Indian Railway at Howrah; Calcutta, and there seems to be no reason why the instrument should not be utilised here for the purpose of establishing communication between the Square and the New Harbour Docks and Wharves, between Government House, the Tangle barracks, Fort Canning and the public offices, between the Police Stations, and in various other ways. An important question is that of the cost of a telephone, and upon this point an Indian contemporary furnishes the following information.

A Telephone may soon perhaps become a thing which no gentleman should be without, but at present it seems an expensive luxury. According to the *Times* a complete set of instruments for a single main costs £25 down, and £5 a year for rent; this is for a short circuit; instruments for a long circuit cost £35 and £10 a year. And the set, too, consisting of a pair of telephones and a call-bell, is only "the equipment for one end of a communication." Before the single man can put himself in rapport with a friend, that friend must pay £30 or £45 more. And even then both parties may only telephone with a license which forbids them to use the instruments "for other purposes than those specified."—*Straits Times*.

AN INVULNERABLE CANNON.

An International Congress, such as has rarely been in any country, let alone Germany, assembled a few days ago in the Artillery-grounds at Breda, in Prussian Rhineland. Agreeably to the invitations sent out by Herr Krupp, the famous gun manufacturer at Essen, representatives of the Prussian, Russian, Austrian, Italian, Belgian, British, Swedish, Portuguese, Danish, Argentine, Japanese, and Dutch Governments appeared on the spot to witness experiments in a new line of gunnery proposed by their scientific host. Some of the various Governments enumerated sending more than one officer, the total number of the gentlemen present amounted to 55.

The experiments to which Herr Krupp summoned this military array were intended to solve two problems which have long baffled the ingenuity of ballistic inventors,—how to fix a gun so as to disperse with the necessity of taking aim after each separate discharge, and how to protect a gun in permanent or temporary fortifications as to render it practically invulnerable. After achievement has hitherto appeared impossible. Herr Krupp, by associating the two difficulties, separately insurmountable, has succeeded in removing both.

The apparatus employed is very simple. Iron plates about half a metre thick are put together so as to form a little hut, large enough to hold gun and gunners. Roof and sides are protected by an outer covering of earth; the back is partly open, the front perforated by a hole for the muzzle, closed by a revolving valve. This valve being turned back by machinery at the moment of firing, the next instant reverts into its former position, shielding the interior of the metal apartment from the exterior. There is also a ventilator to carry off the smoke, with a variety of minor arrangements, which, useful in themselves, are yet not indispensable. Thus much for guarding gun and gunners. As to fixing the barrel, this is effected by connecting it with the front plate of the iron hut. A ball screwed to the muzzle and moving in a socket attached to the wall of the metallic compartment is stated to answer this purpose admirably. The rebound is allowed for by the elongating capacity of the socket; the direction is maintained by the firmness of the connecting links.

On reaching Breda, the party found the iron compartment placed at the end of a little valley, surrounded by a range of hills of a moderate height. The gun was safely lodged in the protecting shed, the inventor, with a number of practised hands, being ready to put his new device to the proof.

When the officers had taken up their several positions, the gun was pointed at a target placed opposite and fired repeatedly. Though the gun was a big 16-centimetre cannon, and the target only five metres square, the mechanism, slightly aided by the gunners' skill, sufficed to keep the barrel in the original direction. A trifling movement of the hand raised or depressed the barrel at will, the connecting hinges and links being so constructed as to allow of this variation. Neither solid grenades nor shrapnel case had any disturbing influence upon the barrel; and the hinges, being made of the best material and ingeniously attached to each other, were neither strained nor torn by the rebound. The firing was at a distance of 840 metres.

The power of maintaining its original direction, capacity of the iron compartment for protecting the gun, and the ease with which the iron shed was fired at from a 16-centimetre gun, placed at a distance of 820 metres, and from a 12-centimetre gun, at a distance of 260 metres. Half-a-dozen grenades having produced no impression upon the iron shed, notwithstanding the comparative proximity of the discharge, the examining party were encouraged to enter the interior during the remaining portion of the programme. They thus had an opportunity of convincing themselves that the iron shell of the protecting hut was but slightly shaken by the concussion of the exploding shot. Eventually, the shot fell, let down during this part of the proceedings, was hit and injured. It is interesting to note the severest shocks.

Then began the third and concluding part of the programme—an engagement between the cannon in the shed and the two guns outside, at respectively 820 and 260 metres distance. The shed fired at the targets; the cannon outside at the shed. The valve on this occasion worked admirably, opening and closing with the greatest rapidity and precision. Though the iron shed was hit repeatedly, the 20 officers inside at the time agreed in saying that the concussion was hardly more than what would be produced by the stroke of a hammer wielded by a vigorous man. This statement is the more satisfactory, a cannonade at 850 metres having become quite impossible at a period when the gunners are liable to be picked off at 1,000 metres by the breechloaders of the infantry.

The same experiments were gone through

on the second day, after which the iron plates of the shed were subjected to a close inspection. The severest injury inflicted was that by a pointed grenade, which had penetrated 14 centimetres into the cuirass. As the latter was about 50 centimetres thick, it is easy to suppose that the inner side of the plates was untouched, even by this obtrusive missile. One of the last few shots fired from the guns outside just at the moment of the valve being open hit the muzzle and broke the socket and connecting links. If this proves, what, indeed, needs no proof, that bullets cannot be completely kept from entering where bullets are expected to go out, still the gunners were safe even at this critical spot, none of the fragments penetrating within the shed.—*Times*.

A DAY AT WINDSOR.

But my day at Windsor would furnish a most interesting chapter of chit-chat. I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance, at Lord Morpeth's table, of Mr. Rich, the member for Knaresborough, and the author of the pamphlet, "What will the Peers do?" He is one of the gentlemen of the bedchamber of the Queen; or, as they are called under a virgin queen, gentlemen-in-waiting. He was kind enough to invite me to visit him at Windsor Castle, and I obtained special permission from her Majesty to show me the private rooms. I went down to breakfast, where we had Murray (the head of the household), Lord Surrey, &c. Lord Byron, who you know was a captain in the navy, is a pleasant, rough fellow, who has not many of the smooth turns of the courtier. He came rushing into the room where we were, crying out, "This day is a real sneeze; it is a rum one indeed. Will her Majesty go out to-day?" Lord Surrey hoped she would not, unless she would ride at the "slapping pace" at which she went the day before, which was twenty miles in two hours. You understand that her suite accompany the Queen in her equestrian excursions. Lord Byron proposed to breakfast with us; but they told him that he must go upstairs and breakfast with "the gals"—meaning the ladies of the bed-chamber and maids of honour—Countess of Arundel, Lady Byron, Lady Littleton, Miss Cavendish, &c. The ladies of the household breakfast by themselves, and sometimes her Majesty comes in and joins them, though she generally breakfasts quite alone. The gentlemen of the household also breakfast by themselves. Very soon Lord Byron came bounding down, saying, "Murray, 'the gals' say that there is nothing but stale eggs in the castle." Again the ladies sent a servant to Murray (who, I have said, is the head of the royal household), complaining that there was no Scotch marmalade. Murray said it was very strange, as a very short time ago he paid for seven hundred pots of it. You will understand that I mention these trivial occurrences to let you know in the simplest way what passed. Of the splendours of Windsor you have read a hundred times, and all your friends who have been abroad can recount them; but such little straws as I am blundering to you will give you indications of the mode of life and manners in the castle. After breakfast (it having been mentioned to the Queen that I had arrived), we went into the private apartments, which are never shown except during the Queen's absence. The table was spread for dinner, and the plate was rich and massive. I did not like the dining-room so well as Lord Leicester's, at Holkham, though it is more showy and brilliant. The drawing-rooms were quite rich. While wandering around with Mr. Rich and Lord Byron, we met the Duchess of Kent in her morning dress—a short, squat person—who returned our profound obeisance with a gracious smile (you see I have caught the proper phrase). Some of the pictures at Windsor are very fine. I have never before seen anything by Rubens that pleased me, or that I could by Rubens (except, perhaps, a picture at Holkham). There is one room devoted to Rubens. They were kind enough to invite me to visit them—again at the castle, and Murray told me that a horse would be at my disposal to ride in the park and see the Virginia water. . . . I am in Westminster Hall every day, and have been most happy in renewing my acquaintance with the bench and bar after my absence in the country.—*The Life and Letters of the Hon. Charles Sumner*.

THE "DESCENT OF MAN."

The correspondent of the *Sheffield Daily Telegraph* writes—"Here is a private account, from one who was there, of the fun there was at the Senate House, Cambridge, on the 1st inst. when Darwin was invited to give the LL.D. I went to the Senate House, to see Darwin L.L.D.'d. You perhaps have seen the Senate House, and remember that the gallery occupies one end and half of two sides of the interior of the building. This gallery, you must know, is assigned to undergraduates on such occasions. The ceremony was to begin at two o'clock. Thither I bent my way as soon as I could escape from my 'Composition man's' clutches, and there I arrived at 20 minutes to two. The place was full. Undergraduates were climbing balustrades, nay, almost the perpendicular walls. I clomb a balustrade, finding no standing-room. I swayed hither and thither; my gown had well-nigh left me; but at length I settled, with a good commanding view of the theatre of action. Between the opposite galleries the undergraduates suspended a rope, they hung a monkey on it; they shouted, 'Three cheers for primeval man!' 'Our father!' 'Am I not a man and a brother?' On another rope they hung one link of a chain, this they styled the 'missing link.' Meanwhile everybody below was laughing; we upstairs were shouting, roaring, hissing, groaning, perspiring, charging. After all the officials had trooped in amidst shouts of approbation and the reverse, Sandys, public orator, read a speech written in Latin for the occasion. He was saluted by cries of 'False quantity,' 'Go on, next boy,' 'Very well read, go three up,' 'Construe,' 'Take a lozenge,' &c. The speech took about a quarter of an hour in reading. In the middle of it another monkey was hoisted, much to the delight of everybody save the monkey down, and young man threw the monkey down, but it dropped about six yards from Darwin, but was hoisted up again before any below could seize it. Another bold young man sang three verses of the 'Leather Bottle,' amidst repeated cries of 'encore.' That same youth proposed a riddle, shouting at the top of the voice, 'What's the difference between a monkey and—' (naming a much disliked proctor)? Then, in answer, he yelled out, 'One cracks nuts, the other's nut's cracked.' Screams, roars, laughter, pandemonium. After the public orator finished, Darwin rose to shake hands with the Dons. 'Go back, said one, 'You've left your tail on the chair; and 'Wait for your brother,' said another, as he launched the monkey at him, which unhappily fell short. Then all was over. We trooped out, all beaded with perspiration, and much thinner than when we went in."

Quotations.

HONGKONG, February 6, 1878.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$592½ a 507½ credit.
" Old Patna, cash, None credit.
" New Benares, cash, 563½ a 567½ credit.
" Old Benares, cash, None credit.
" New Malwa, cash, 695 credit, 700
" Allowance Teals, 8 a 20
" Old Malwa, cash, None credit, 715
" Allowance Teals, None

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Calcutta, ... 223
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Hongkong Bank, 50 % prem. \$1,300
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$3,300
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H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$700
China Fire Ins. Co., \$190
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H.K. & S. M. S. Boat Co., 12 dia.
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Hongkong Gas Co., \$75
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$55
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$104.15
Do. 1877, \$108.67.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Paine & Co.'s Premises Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, February 6, 1878.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.518
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.438
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.430
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 47
Do. 1 P.M. ... 53
Do. 4 P.M. ... 51
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 45
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Do. Minimum over night 47

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers:—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

When left.	Name.	From.	Remarks.
May	10, David,	Antwerp	
13, Chandos,	Cardiff		
18, Alatre,	Melbourne		
June	18, Henry Lippett,	New York	
July	2, Northampton,	Baltimore	
25, Globe,	Deal		
Aug.	11, North Star,	Cardiff	
14, Regulus,	Cardiff		
14, Moss Glen,	Penarth		
14, Patrie,	Cardiff		
19, Felix Mendelssohn,	London		
Sept.	3, Andreas,	Flushing Roads	
4, Humbolt,	New York		
7, Becla,	Flushing Roads		
10, River Lagan,	Cardiff		
15, G. F. Muntz,	Newport		
20, River Lagan,	Cardiff		
21, P. J. Carleton,	Liverpool		
22, Barkway,	London		
23, Victoria (s.),	Liverpool		
23, Fidelity,	Hamburg		
25, Maria Ravano,	Penarth		
30, Peter,	Cardiff		
Oct.	2, Anna Bertha,	Cuxhaven	
3, Forest Belle,	Cardiff		
4, Empire,	Penarth		
8, Eleanore,	Penarth		
9, Kaiser,	Cardiff		
18, Wega,	Hamburg		
19, Oscar,	San Francisco		
26, Benedicta,	London		
30, Lodovico,	Astoria		
Nov.	1, Elizabeth Oatle,	Antwerp	
2, Odiz (s.),	Liverpool		
3, Johann Smidt,	London		
2, Minna,	London		
3, Elizabeth Shields,	Hamburg		
Dec.	1, Glengaber,	Flushing Roads	
2, Otto,	Hamburg		
3, Devana,	London		
13, Sir Harry Parkes,	London		
18, Perim (s.),	Cardiff		
18, Ajax (s.),	Cardiff		
19, Sedan,	Cardiff		
21, Kwanythin (s.),	Aberdeen		
23, J. R. Worcester,	London		
23, Glenroy (s.),	Liverpool		
25, G. B. S.,	AT AMOY.		
Sept.	1, Carl Wilhelm,	Cardiff	

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NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
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PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
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ON THURSDAY, the 7th February,
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S. S. *SEIZ*, Commandant BOUTIER,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
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Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
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principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 6th February, 1878. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
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H. DU POUY,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 26, 1878. 107



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MONGOLIA, Captain COLEMAN, will leave
this on THURSDAY, the 14th February,
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Tea and General Cargo for London, will
be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-
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direct route. Silk and Valuables will be
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A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, February 4, 1878. 104

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THE S. S. *"BELGIO"* will be de-
spatched for San Francisco via Yoko-
hama, on or about FRIDAY, the 1st March,
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with
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4 p.m. of the 28th Instant. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.
For further information as to Freight
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G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 1, 1878. 101

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England, France, and Germany by all
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CENT on regular rates is granted to
OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY,
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RUSSELL & Co., Agents,
Hongkong, February 5, 1878.

Intimations.

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Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

ESTATE OF DODD & Co.

AT the MEETING held on the 12th
Instant at Messrs DODD & Co.'s
OFFICES, the following RESOLUTIONS
were carried:—

1. That the affairs of the said DODD
& Co. shall be liquidated by arrangement,
and not in Bankruptcy.
2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he
is hereby appointed Trustee.
3. That H. ABERNETHY and EDMUND
PRY be, and they are hereby appointed a
Committee of Inspection.

All PAYMENTS on account of the
Estate, it is requested, will be Paid to the
order of the Underigned.

F. CHOMLEY,
Trustee for the Estate of
DODD & Co.

Amoy, January 14, 1878.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN of CAPITAL at
the Rate of FIVE TAELS per
SHARE will be made to Shareholders of
record on the 1st October, Payable at the
Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst.

Warrants will be delivered by the Under-
signed to Shareholders or their lawful
representatives on presentation of Share
Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th
Instant, inclusive.

By Order,
RUSSELL & Co.,
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Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

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DOUGLAS LAURA & Co.
Hongkong, February 6, 1878.

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saidon and Penang.
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.
JAS. B. COUGHLIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Oils in Matched, on Goods on board
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE to the extent of
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

Insurances.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-
CIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE....." 230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND....." 75,000
Total Capital and accumula-
tions this date.....Tls. 725,000

Directors:
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
M. W. BOYD, Esq., C. KINGS, Esq.,
M. P. EVANS, Esq., C. LUCAS, Esq.

Secretaries:
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai.
London Bankers:
Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co.

Agencies in:
HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and
the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to
all parts of the World, at current
rates.

Subject to a charge of 12 1/2% for interest
on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS
OF THE UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be
annually distributed among all Contribu-
tors of Business in proportion to the
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1877. 101

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits
are distributed annually to Contributors,
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.
ESTABLISHED 1803.
CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Underigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Directors:
KWOK ACHONG, Merchant.
PANG YIM, Merchant.

HO SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.
LOO YEN, of the Yee On Hong, Merchant.
LEE SING, of Lai Hing Firm, Merchant.
CHEUNG SING YONG, Merchant.
CHOW CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted for
Buildings and on Goods stored
therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, 48, Bonham Strand.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877. an23

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Underigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

THE Underigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, October 14, 1869.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusives of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.						
Albay	Brit.	366	Jan. 27	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Haiphong	K'loon Dock
Amoy	Brit.	876	Jan. 27	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	K'loon Dock
Argyll	Brit.	1271	Feb. 1	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	K'loon Dock
Arratoon Apur	Brit.	1392	Feb. 1	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Saloon	
Atalanta	Brit.	782	Jan. 28	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	
Ava	Brit.	2177	Feb. 1	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	
Bertha	Brit.	1421	Jan. 21	Meyer & Co.	Australian Ports	Mailla
Butuan	Brit.	838	Jan. 29	J. Y. V. Shaw	Shanghai	K'loon Dock
Caldera	Brit.	1303	Feb. 2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	K'loon Dock
Cameos	Brit.	95	Oct. 2	Kwok Acheong	Shanghai	9th daylight
Cassandra	Brit.	937	Feb. 5	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Shanghai	
Charlton	Brit.	685	Feb. 5	Wing Kee & Co.	Shanghai	
China	Brit.	648	Feb. 5	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	
Conquest	Brit.	317	Jan. 26	Kwong Lee Yuen	Shanghai	Ab'deen Dock
Cyprenes	Brit.	1286	Feb. 1	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Shanghai	
Danube	Brit.	670	Jan. 28	Yuen Fat Hong	Shanghai	
Douglas	Brit.	864	Feb. 4	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Shanghai	
Dumfries	Brit.	202	Jan. 30	Remedios & Co.	Shanghai	
Flintshire	Brit.	395	Jan. 17	J. Y. V. Shaw	Shanghai	
Golden Horn	Brit.	1243	Dec. 23	H. Kier & Co.	Shanghai	
Holyrood	Brit.	1024	Jan. 26	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Shanghai	
Keishow	Brit.	333	Jan. 27	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	
Madagascar	Brit.	884	Feb. 3	Kwok Acheong	Shanghai	
Minerva	Brit.	1025	Feb. 4	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	
Namoa	Brit.	884	Feb. 1	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Shanghai	
Panay	Brit.	500	Oct. 30	Remedios & Co.	Shanghai	
Radnorshire	Brit.	1201	Jan. 29	H. Kier & Co.	Shanghai	
Sea Gull	Brit.	48	Sept. 19	Insurance Company	Shanghai	
Sin Nanzing	Brit.	714	Dec. 21	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	
Sindh	Brit.	1007	Feb. 4	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	
Standard	Brit.	1074	Feb. 1	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	
Sunda	Brit.	1036	Jan. 29	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	
Tenace	Brit.	1324	Feb. 3	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	
Tibre	Brit.	1009	Feb. 4	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	
V. Cores de Vries	Brit.	478	Feb. 1	Wing Tung Hing	Shanghai	
Yotung	Brit.	289	Jan. 20	Kwok Acheong	Shanghai	
Zanzibar	Brit.	1480	Jan. 18	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	
Sailing Vessels.						
Aberystwyth	Brit.	728	Jan. 16	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Shanghai	
Alex. Beane	Brit.	842	Dec. 27	Rozario & Co.	Shanghai	
Alan Newton	Brit.	806	Feb. 1	Chinese	Shanghai	
Alma M. Minot	Brit.	1100	Jan. 28	Batles & Co.	Shanghai	
Applington	Brit.	820	Sept. 6	Wielor & Co.	Shanghai	
Amie Florence	Brit.	687	Dec. 8	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	
Angelo	Brit.	891	Nov. 14	Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	
Anna	Brit.	447	Jan. 7	Edvard Schellhass & Co.	Shanghai	
Annie Lortwy	Brit.	752	Jan. 8	Chinese	Shanghai	
Annie M. Small	Brit.	1058	Dec. 4	Russell & Co.	Shanghai	
Antipodes	Brit.	592	Jan. 18	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	
B. F. Watson	Brit.	993	Nov. 26	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	
Beethoven	Brit.	840	Nov. 25	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	
Bonita	Brit.	341	Jan. 28	Edvard Schellhass & Co.	Shanghai	
Brisbane	Brit.	394	Dec. 17	Russell & Co.	Shanghai	
Broomhall	Brit.	1379	Oct. 26	Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	
Carl Ritter	Brit.	696	Jan. 5	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	
Charger	Brit.	1448	Jan. 28	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	
Charon Wattana	Brit.	656	Feb. 4	Chinese	Shanghai	
Charter Oak	Brit.	963	Oct. 24	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	
Christine	Brit.	541	Feb. 1	Chinese	Shanghai	
City of Halifax	Brit.	860	Dec. 24	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Shanghai	
Cuba	Brit.	160	Sept. 25	Insurance Co.	Shanghai	
Dauphin	Brit.	320	Jan. 31	Meyer & Co.	Shanghai	
Dauphin	Brit.	318	Jan. 7	Edvard Schellhass & Co.	Shanghai	
Deho	Brit.	349	Dec. 22	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Shanghai	
Edward P. Bourvis	Brit.	941	Jan. 29	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	
Falcon	Brit.	798	Dec. 23	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Shanghai	
Fanny	Brit.	813	Jan. 12	Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	
Faugh-a-Balaugh	Brit.	240	Jan. 13	Carlowitz & Co.	Shanghai	</